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EDITORIAL

For over two years The Pacific has ed to be a news sheet—and that ly. News is a hard thing to rely on. It varies with the seasons and th the changes in personnel. Most it has to be rewritten, as it comes the first person. We intend to aintain the policy of a newspaper if e can get the co-operation of the urches.

This month we are departing from r usual policy and have asked a w men for articles that express inion. Our daily papers are all adlining China, Turkey, Mexico and e nations interested in these na- onals. One cannot touch these mat- rs without touching policies. Edi- rially, our policy is to admit the lvantages that our State Department as in matters political and to credit ir American Board and our Amer- an Missionary Society with having formation not readily obtained by ost of the clergy and laity.

In the more recent months we have scovered many of our constituents ho are asking for more intimate in- rmation than is provided by our tate Department at Washington and y our national societies. The ques- ons they are asking relate quite rgely to our missionary work and ie future policies of our national ocieties. There are inquiries concern- g our missionaries—naturally—but ie more important inquiries concern ur policies. This fact cannot and ught not be overlooked.

Now, this may be news to some. here is a wonderful amount of dis- riminating thinking abroad. Our ob- ervant ministers are not bound by ditorial policy, nor definitely pledged o Washington policies or national so- iety utterances. This is wholesome nd reviving. Would that more of our inisters were prophets.

Because of this intense interest we re therefore publishing articles rep- esenting the point of view of Robert Whitaker of Lintsing and Elmer W. Galt of Paotingfu. These men are not unmindful of the fact that diligent tudents of world problems and omni- vorous readers of press dispatches believe that the missionary societies should withdraw all missionaries rom China, Turkey and Mexico, des- pite noble sentiment and vested inter- sts.

The debate is on. The discussion is general. The work of many years is n the balance. There should be no stampede at this hour. We should lis- en to those who have been in the front line. We can help in the forma- tion of new policies. We must not withdraw our prayers, our study and our gifts without most careful investi- gation of all that is involved in ad- ministration and service.

One other suggestion. One of our brightest young men, a Chinese, said a week ago: "Much of this present disturbance in China could have been averted had the Christian Church in America done more for the Chinese in this country." This task is still before us. This Conference now has a real responsibility for the China- towns of Northern California. Mexican youth might say the same. Here is a task that confronts us. We have an obligation toward other races. When and how will we serve the mul- tiplying groups of nationals that look to the Christian Church in America to help them solve their problems both here and in their home lands?

OUR NATIONAL COUNCIL

This meets in Omaha May 25 to June 1. Summer rates begin Sunday, May 22, giving just enough time to get to the council for the opening sessions. This Conference should have a full delegation and association registrars are urged to see that delegates and alternates are secured at the earliest possible moment.

Will it be possible for us to get enough delegates to have a special car through to Omaha over the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific? Let us hear from the delegates at once.

No doubt there are those who will plan to go further east or take a circle trip returning via Santa Fe and Grand Canyon, or the Western Pacific taking in the Royal Gorge and Feather River Canyon. The Conference superintendent can give helpful advice on all these matters of transportation or council affairs.

The council is open to others than accredited delegates and the rates and privileges are such that we invite conference or correspondence relative to travel and entertainment. Address Rev. W. J. Minchin, 421 Phelan Building, San Francisco, Calif.

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mark the dates in your date book—August 1-8. Place—Asilomar. It is a joint conference of young people and adults. The two program committees are at work. Their first work is separate, but by March 1 they will meet to adjust their speakers and hours so that there will be no conflict at the opening.

We had a daily average attendance of 285 during the 1926 sessions. We can hardly expect to control the grounds unless we secure a minimum of 350. Our aim for 1927 is 400. This can be secured if we begin our promotion early. This would mean about four to a working church, two youths, two adults. Let us work to this goal.

The rates will be the same as last year. There are better facilities with more single rooms in the Lodge and Scripps House. As far as practicable churches and organizations should contribute toward the expenses of delegates.

BAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Bay Association will be held in North Church, Berkeley, Tuesday, February 15, beginning at 2:30 p. m. There will be the regular reports of officials, churches' report at the spring meeting, and election of officers for the year.

The devotional service in the afternoon will be conducted by Rev. Alan R. Goozee of Calvary Church, Oakland. The inspirational addresses are all on the very important subject of China. Three missionaries from China will speak, Miss Eunice Thomas on "Foochow, Calling," Mr. Galt on "A Few of China's Real Leaders," and Mr. Whitaker on "A Challenge of Present Day China." In addition we will be interested to hear Principal I. P. Wan of Chinatown, who has charge of the important work now carried on in a federated way.

The ladies of North Church will serve dinner at 50 cents a plate. Will all who plan to be at the dinner notify Mrs. H. A. Davenport, 2214 Los Angeles St., Berkeley, by Saturday, February 12. This is important and will be much appreciated.

A NEW NAME

The last meeting of the old year for the Congregational Women's Missionary Society Executive Board was held the first month of the calendar new year. These monthly executive meetings have been well attended, not merely, nor chiefly, because the women of the organization are conscientious in the discharge of their duties, but because of the inherent interest of the meetings. Repeatedly one hears, "I would not miss one of those meetings for a good deal." A number of our women come from so far that it means the giving up of the whole day. But it is a day well spent in their eyes. The annual meeting will be held February 10 and 11, and we hope for a good attendance from all our churches at that time, but also the Executive Board is anxious that our Congregational women shall understand that all its meetings are open to any one who would like to get the interest of them at first hand. The meetings are held the third Thursday of each month in the First Congregational Church of Oakland.

The matter of especial interest before the board at its meeting in January was the discussion of the proposed new constitution to be presented at the annual meeting, the text of which was printed last month in The Pacific. The omission of the word "missionary" in the suggested new name of the organization is in the interest of greater, not less, concern for all things missionary. The step was taken in view of the vastly broadening vision of the Church of Christ as to what constitutes its mission in this world. That our organization may go on record as standing for everything which is dear to the heart of our Master, by whatever name it is called, we have suggested this change of our own name. If it is adopted we pray that the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California may go forward to an enlarged and enlarging service to others.

OUR FINANCIAL YEAR

During the year we had strong reason to believe that our benevolences would run about 10 per cent over that of the former year. Our own receipts kept that pace until December. We closed the year, January 10, with $488.29 more than in 1925, received through this office.

Our Conference treasury closed its accounts with a balance of $71.38, and the Home Missionary Society with a balance of $811.41. Both accounts show an increase in capital account. These balances are very close—too close for comfort or gratification.

BENEVOLENCES

Dec. 1, 1926 to Jan. 10, 1927

Adin	$ 12.33
Alameda	185.30
Alturas	20.00
Angels Camp	51.40
Antioch	35.00
Benicia	5.25
Berenda	20.00
Berkeley, First	1,387.41
Park	73.32
North	507.38
Bethany	11.00
Campbell	216.96
Ceres	119.70
Cloverdale	100.00
Cotati	52.76
Crockett	37.50
Eureka	232.58
Ferndale	85.71
Fresno, First	247.24
Free Cross	274.00
Pilgrim	250.00
Glen Ellen	39.00
Grass Valley	35.62
Guerneville	5.00
Kenwood	88.00
Lockeford	39.13
Lodi	1,110.00
Oakland, First	664.84
Calvary	14.00
Plymouth	278.61
Olivet	30.00
Oleander	50.53
Oroville	310.00
Pacific Grove	60.25
Palo Alto	150.00
Paradise	60.00
Petaluma	272.35
Pittsburg	69.27
Redwood City	250.00
Reno, Nev.	153.36
Ripon	25.00
Sacramento	210.00
San Francisco, First	805.26
Mission Park	300.00
Bethany	75.00
Richmond	74.00
San Jose	315.11
San Lorenzo	125.00
San Mateo	100.00
Santa Cruz	446.00
Santa Rosa, First	100.85
Saratoga	285.99
Sebastopol	94.00
Sonoma	18.75
Soquel	30.00
Stockton	704.10
Suisun	59.16
Sunnyvale	75.00
Tulare	86.67
Weaverville	10.00
Woodside	55.50
Miscellaneous	757.00
Oakland Pilgrim	75.08
Lewiston	5.00
Total	$12,437.27

Distribution

Miscellaneous	$ 500.00
Cong. Women's Miss. Society	109.20
Conference	935.25
Annuity Fund for Cong. Min.	149.26
Cong. Minister Relief Soc.	217.67
Sunday School Ext. Soc.	211.46
Foundation for Education	335.87
Cong. Church Bldg. Soc.	586.61
Cong. Educa. Society	634.64
American Miss. Ass'n	1,324.98
Women's Bd. of Miss. for Pac.	1,505.24
American Bd. Com. for Miss.	2,319.67
Calif. Home Miss. Soc.	3,607.42
Total	$12,437.27

LIFE INSURANCE ENDOWMENT

Congressman Davey has inaugurated a new system of assuring the church he wishes to aid of his bequest. He has taken out an insurance policy to this end. It is a five-year endowment policy in the sum of $50,000, payable by assignment, to a trust company, which will administer the funds for the church. The idea of life insurance bequests for churches is so new that fewer than a dozen have been issued. A five-year endowment policy such as Congressman Davey has taken out is the first to be used for such a purpose.

He states: "My donation is more than I could give in a lump sum, but by spreading it over five years it comes within my means. By taking an endowment insurance policy the church is assured of receiving my contribution whether I live or die." This policy is a memorial to his father, John Davey, the originator of the new science of tree surgery.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN CHINA

It is most deplorable that our newspaper information about the China situation is dispensed to us by a press so ignorant of Chinese affairs and so steeped in the habit of trying to startle imagination with sensational headlines. On January 27 a paper which takes great pleasure in informing its readers that it is the "leading newspaper of the Pacific Coast" appeared with the great leading front-page headline, "U. S. Issues Ultimatum to China." Beneath this caption was outlined the communication of the previous day from Secretary Kellogg to China touching on all evidences of United States friendliness towards China in the past, stating our present policy for the protection of Americans, and assuring China of our sympathies with her national aspirations and our readiness to negotiate new bilateral treaties with her, either acting conjointly with other powers or independently. I do not care to commend the note as embodying the most Christian assurances that we might have given. But certainly, only by gross perversion of sense could any sentence in it be construed as an "ultimatum." When our own press takes pains to interpret the acts of our government in the most imperialistic terms it can conjure up, can we blame China for interpreting our national spirit as "imperialistic?"

In interpreting present-day news from China it is fundamentally important to remember that it still remains true that she is much roused over the imperialism of the foreign nations but not over the foreigners as such. At bottom there is no anti-foreign movement in China. Because of repeated acts of British nationals in China within less than two years that have greatly incensed the Chinese and seemed to them to indicate an unrelenting imperialistic spirit on Britain's part there is an approach to an unqualified anti-British sentiment. But side by side with this in many regions is expression of marked friendliness towards Americans. And the feeling towards Britain, even, is still remarkably under restraint. Note that even when the mob at Hankow on January 3 and 4 so wildly demonstrated, and completely wrested from British control the British concession there, not a Briton was killed nor seriously injured.

The cases of mob violence that have occurred within the last few weeks have all been within territory newly brought under the control of the "Nationalist (Cantonese) Government." We have had news of four such uprisings of rather serious import, at Hankow, Kiukiang, Changsha, and Foochow. While it would seem that the rioting in each case got so out of bounds that the lives of foreigners, Americans as well as others, were in serious jeopardy. Yet it is a fact that foreign life was in no case taken.

The Nationalist party has long had as a foremost plank of its program the getting rid of the "unequal treaties" and all of the foreign advantages relating thereto. The nations have long been making promises looking towards the satisfying of China's aspirations, but have continued to postpone their fulfillment. China has been practically forced to the conclusion that demonstration of force and determination on her part is her only means for jarring the nations into action. The Nationalist party represents the most radical opinion in China along these lines and, until very recent date, has been the only influential group instituting action in accord with such opinion. The rather effective anti-British boycott of the last year and a half in the south expressed this determination. The wresting of the concession at Hankow is in line with the same policy. But the party has repeatedly given verbal assurance of its intention to protect foreign life. My study of events within its territorial sphere leads me to the conclusion that it is ready to countenance almost any moves against foreign usurped interests in China short of serious injury to the lives of foreigners. To hew close to that line without hacking across it is, of course, a perilous undertaking.

Outside of the five or six provinces, out of 21, brought under the Cantonese control to date, we have had news of no demonstrations to disturb the equanimity of the foreigners at their usual pursuits. There is no doubt much of sympathetic interest in the other areas with the lines of endeavor and accomplishment of the Cantonese. And there may be isolated cases of feeling growing somewhat tense. But let us refrain from the conclusion that life is endangered in these other regions in the absence of any evidence of it.

We should remember that, almost without exception, missionary groups are surrounded by local communities in which they have won the most cordial friendship. And, while it is true that these civilian communities are very timid in the face of militarism or mob uprising, yet they are real bulwarks of protection for their missionary friends. And timid withdrawal of missionaries when the concensus of opinion of the community is that personal danger is very remote from them is a move lending itself to great misunderstanding and upsetting of friendly relations. I cannot think that the present situation over the greater areas in China is such that missionaries ought to withdraw. And I have not read that our consuls in China have urged their doing so.

I think we are to be congratulated, on the whole, over the consular agents at present representing the United States in China. Most of them have been long in that country and many of them know the language. If I may be permitted to exercise surmise as to their recent advice, I would guess that they have (1) strongly urged Americans, including the missionaries, within the Nationalist controlled territory of the Yangtze valley and south to withdraw temporarily to the seacoast, and (2) have warned those in all other territories of what seemed to them a growing menace and have advised the utmost caution and foresight looking towards personal safety. More particularized advice may have been given in many instances. But there has been a growing tendency through the years for the consuls to expect the missionaries to keep as well informed as possible and then follow their own judgments. Consular advice, when offered, is prone to err on the side of over-caution if at all.

My own station, Paotingfu, is in Chihli Province, in which Peking is situated, and I am particularly intimate with conditions there and in the neighboring provinces of Shansi and Shantung. My latest letter from there bears the date January 8, several days after the Hankow riot. It offered no comment on the situation farther south, and its whole tone implied the same utter absence of any cause for disturbed mind that we ordinarily enjoy at Paotingfu. Mr. Hubbard had recently escorted an insane man to a hospital 200 miles away. He found the errand a very difficult one but was helped with very marked friendliness at different junctures by utter strangers,—a military officer, one or two soldiers, a railway station-master, two students, and others.

Yesterday's paper reported a telegram January 31 from "Dick" Leavens of Changsha, treasurer of the important Yale-in-China Mission there. Changsha has had publicity for two or three years as a hot-point center of radicalism and, as reported above, was one of the centers of the recent riot. Mr. Leavens reported that a majority of their missionaries had left for Shanghai, but that those remaining were unmolested. I suppose a few of the other men are remaining with him there, feeling a responsibility not to abandon the work and interests there.

Much of our present news relates to Shanghai and its special situation. We should not let that color very much our thinking concerning the whole of China. Whether we like it or not our nation is "entangled" in the international settlement there and cannot honorably, without making other arrangements, refuse its share of responsibility for the policing of that area. The complexity of the situation there, inherited from the past, gives room for very wide difference of opinion as to the wisest measures to follow. The danger looms up of its being something of a temporary "no man's land" so far as the struggling forces of China are concerned. Not only are there the thousands of foreigners within the international settlement, winged all round with the great Chinese city, but enormous wealth is segregated there, and great numbers of political refugees of the various Chinese factions have taken harbor there with prices on their heads.

The Shanghai problem is in many ways separate from that of China as a whole, and is not of primary concern under the theme on which I am writing. So I shall go no further into the details of it. I would only mention in closing that the exceeding sensitiveness of China at the present moment is such that any move or incident on the part of a foreign power or its nationals at all outraging her sense of justice will at once be followed by widespread and active resentment. If our government is indeed actuated by friendly motives towards China it cannot be too explicit in its pronouncements and its taking of steps to make the fact plain. —ELMER W. GALT, Berkeley, Calif.

THE NEW SITUATION IN CHINA

All friends of China have been rejoicing since the announcement of January 27 of the new policy which the United States is adopting in its dealings with that country. We believe that all who are acquainted with the present situation in the Orient will feel with the writer that America's declaration of her readiness to negotiate new treaties with China, "without special privileges, monopolies, or spheres of special interest or influence," and "acting independently of other powers if need be," is the most significant thing that has happened in the Far East since our return of the Boxer Indemnity fund. The consequences of this new policy will be far reaching.

First of all, this action will do more for our missionary cause if the new policy is consistently followed out than ten years of ordinary work. The Chinese people, convinced that America is going to live up to her tradition of friendship for China, standing for justice and fair play, will be more receptive than ever to our message, and ready to continue the hearty cooperation they are already giving.

Second, the new situation created by America's action will send missionaries now on furlough from that country back to their fields with new courage and confidence. As a defense measure, it is of more value to us than half a dozen gun boats or any number of marines. It also gives us new confidence in proclaiming the Christian message as we feel that by a measure the action of our country is Christian and therefore a support to the work we are doing.

Like Senator Borah, we feel that we ought to go further; we ought to recall troops and battleships instead of sending more to Chinese waters. We entirely sympathize with the Chinese in refusing to discuss new treaties with Great Britain at the same time that she is engaged in massing a great military force at Shanghai. But thinking of the new American policy from the standpoint of what has been, and also in the light of the alternative policy of withsolidarity for the sake of maintaining the status quo which some have been demanding, one cannot but be profoundly grateful for the victory in the more Christian way. The Chinese are an eminently reasonable people and all except a few demagogues who need not be considered will be quick to accept our new policy as the guarantee of the friendliness and disinterestedness of America's intentions in the Far East.

"We have been made glad too by England's quick following of America's lead. We do not know to what extent she was influenced in her action by the news from Washington; but of one thing we are sure, and that is that the new situation in the Orient due to American and British change of policy is a matter for profound thankfulness. We hope that it may prove to be the beginning of a new and better chapter in the relations of the East and the West. We also hope that it may help China to forget in some measure the indignities and injustices which she has suffered at the hands of the foreign treaty powers during the past 80 years. And if during the next decade while China is trying to find herself, all is not "perfect peace" in the Middle Kingdom we hope that the Western nations may recall their own struggles and revolutions in the process of establishing republican forms of government, and not expect more from China than is reasonable.—R. B. WHITAKER, Saratoga, Calif.

MISSIONARY CENTER REPORT OPTIMISTIC

The following appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle:

BOSTON, Feb. 3 (Associated Press) —Improvement in the situation at Shaowu, a center of missionary work in China, is reported in a cablegram received today by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions from President Beard of the board's college at Foochow:

"No missionaries have left Shaowu," the cablegram says. "Shaowu situation has greatly improved. Board of mission girls' boarding school at Shaowu wishes you to send as soon as possible Eunice B. Thomas. All well here (in Foochow)."

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/ORLD FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The present world situation is call- ; imperatively for a friendship ıich can be found in no other way) an that of "taking Christ in ear- st." The situation calls for a type missionary activity that shall be ore than evangelism, important as at is; more than teaching, indis- nsable as that is; more than heal- g, necessary as that is. The call is r whole-hearted world friendship at knows no bounds, no class, no lor, but which does understand ırist's teaching set forth in the par- le of "The Judgment" and compact the expression, "inasmuch."

Thus the task of missionary educa- on is greater than that of raising e apportionment. It is nothing short the creation of an attitude and e stimulation of motives which shall sult in the friendship for men com- arable to the friendship of Christ r the people of his day.

If this work is to be carried on with ermanency and sufficiency, it must e made a part of the educational rogram of the church. We must ain Christians for world friendship. his training must be an integral art of our program, not something eparate or added on, not something at we can do without, but something ital and compelling.

The program of missionary educa- ion will include such information of he lives and ways of other people as hall enable our children and youth o develop correct motives for action o that one will gladly do what he an to exemplify world friendship in very situation. The program will ave three characteristics. (1) It will e graded for the same reasons that ve have graded public schools. (2) The program will be complete, inclu- ive and without exception. The Christian neighborhood is world-wide nd includes all conditions and classes of people. The man in need is our eighbor to be assisted as we are ible to assist. (3) The program will nclude three major elements: wor- hip, instruction, and service.

There will be three very definite ims in the program of education in world friendship. Without definite ims there is scant chance of success. The aims will include the giving of ideas, the shaping of motives and the stirring of personality to action. Such a program will supply knowledge of facts, needs and results of world friendship. It will result in material gifts which are based on interest and understanding and are supplied regu- larly and systematically. Personal ac- tivity will follow which will be ex- pressed in worship, study and service arising out of an awakened interest in men and God's purposes for them. The program of service will supply ample material for the enrichment of worship and motive for study.

To bring about an aggressive pro- gram of training in world friendship, will be necessary to secure the ap- pointment of a superintendent of mis- sionary education in the Sunday School. This superintendent should be a member of the executive board of the school and of the church's mis- sionary committee. He will be in charge of all missionary education in the church school and will be as- sisted by such persons as he may choose for the various departments. The school should be enrolled as a member of the World Service Schools connected with the Department of Missionary Education of the Congre- gational Education Society. This de- partment will then supply the super- intendent regularly with graded mis- sionary material for programs and study. This material will include defi- nite suggestions for installing a pro- gram such as outlined above. The Con- ference Educational Office, 424 Phelan Building, San Francisco, will supply information and blanks for enrolling schools as World Service Schools.

The church may, by these methods, assist in developing a generation of people with an appreciation and understanding of the needs of the world, which will be sufficient cause and inspiration for a response in Christian service and material gifts to assure the enterprise of world friendship, of continued growth and ultimate success.

CLOSING PILGRIM BOOK STORE

One year ago last September a book room known as the Pilgrim Book Store was opened in connection with the Conference educational office to meet the needs of our churches. While it has been rendering a real service, it has been conducted at a loss. In view of this the Conference Religious Education Committee some weeks ago voted to approve closing the store, which will be done on Feb- ruary 15. The stock and furniture are being sold. The educational office will be continued.

Churches and patrons of the store are advised to send their orders direct to The Pilgrim Press, 19 South La Salle St., Chicago. F. C. Finley, the new manager of the Chicago store, desires to keep in close touch with our churches and to secure for them prompt and courteous service.

FORT BIDWELL—(Editor's note: The following is from a letter to the C. W. M. S. from Mrs. Shoemaker, dated December 13)

"I find only poor words to express my gratitude for the clothing and dishes for the Indian mission. Every- thing is good and helpful, and the dishes were used for the first time on last Saturday. They came through without any breakage, not a chip nor a crack in any, and the Indian peo- ple were pleased with them. The In- dians are not demonstrative, but they expressed their pleasure and asked who the people were who sent them. I try to have them understand who the people are and where all the dishes came from, and would like you to know as well as you can the people who receive them. While there is a certain amount of bitterness towards the white people for taking every- thing the Indians had before the ad- vent of the white men, still they do appreciate friendship and I take pains to have them understand that the people who send equipment for the church, clothing for them and Christ- mas presents, are their friends and would not take advantage of the In- dian to the amount of a dollar.

"Have just got back from the In- dian church, cold and tired, as a se- vere storm came on and the social room of the church was left until to- day, making the work harder, but the women who helped me were happy over what we have, and washed dishes, knives, forks and spoons, putting away everything nicely and expressing their pleasure again over the dishes. The occasion of the party on Friday was just a meeting of the sewing class and as the afternoons are short, thought I would have a little supper at the close of the sewing and invite the men. It takes so little to give them pleas- ure, that every time I undertake any- thing like that I feel it is quite worth while, and when they come to church on Sunday in a snowstorm, it proves that the Indian thinks of something beside eating, and eating is never over- done at the socials or at home, for we are a poor people, but a part of our great Congregational mission fields.

"Just now am very busy getting ready for the Christmas tree, which is a delight to young and old alike, as one of the old men remarked, 'We all like Christmas.'

"There is a legend among the older Indians, long before the white people came, of the coming of the Christ to earth. While they were pagan, and have had religious instruction only since the close of the Spanish-Amer- ican war and that not continuously, they are inherently religious. The chief of the tribe asked how long it had been since Christ was on earth. This man, a child in the things of the spirit, has right ideas and wants his people to do what is right. The older people are slow of comprehension, but the younger ones are a delight to teach, even though some get the words 'worship' and 'wash-up' mixed; still, in missionary work they are closely related.

"Am glad to report that the white Sunday School is increasing in num- bers, and a Christian Endeavor is do- ing good work."

TURKEY SLIDES

Yes, the slides on Turkey are back, and Dr. Goodsell says he has shown them a number of times and can recommend them. Now, don't every- body speak at once!

We would, however, like to have these slides in use every Sunday for as long as anyone wants them. Then we want to give our neighboring con- ferences up north a chance. So when you write in for a reservation for this new set, please give us a choice of dates on it, in case some one else got an order in ahead of you. Or, if you want a set of slides for a particular date and must have some for that date, give us a second choice on slides. We will send the Turkey set if we can. We already have reservations for the first Sundays of March and of April.

The American Board has recently revised a number of their lectures and sets of slides, and there may be some that you have not had yet.

There is one thing we must ask our people to do in all cases where they have slides for Sunday, and that is to ship them right back to us on Monday so we can ship them out again for the following Sunday and still give the next man a chance to look over the lecture.

THE LAUSANNE TREATY

(Editor's Note: At the request of Dr. Jelalian, we are reprinting the article written by him for the Fresno Republican of January 22, 1927.)

After a long wrangle over the treaty for some two years, and pretty bitter- ly dividing the American public opin- ion, it has been finally rejected by the United States Senate, although fifty senators voted for it. The vote was evidently decidedly partisan. The Democrats, looking at the bill as an Administration measure, solidly voted against it. It has been defeated. That is the main issue. Henceforth the majesty of the American Republic does not condescend to negotiate any diplomatic or commercial agreement with the government of Mustapha Kemal.

Three reasons have been assigned for the defeat of the treaty: (1) Tur- key's failure to guarantee the safety of Christian minorities, (2) Turkey's failure to recognize naturalized Amer- ican citizens as such, (3) Turkey's failure to provide for the fulfillment of Wilson's award in the territorial re- adjustment of Armenia.

This is a punishment deservedly in- flicted upon the Turkish government. Daniel Webster, during the Greek rev- olution in 1821, majestically stood on his feet upon the floor of the same Senate and in a sublime burst of elo- quence castigated the Sublime Porte for its cruel treatment of Greek Chris- tians. I am glad the Senate has on this occasion exalted itself to the no- ble traditions of Daniel Webster, Charles Sumner, George F. Hoar, John C. Calhoun and Henry Clay.

But this is one side of the story. What is the next step to take? Shall our Government, bag and baggage, get out of Turkey? Can we surgically rup- ture all our relations with a Power that has (unfortunately) jurisdiction over Constantinople? If Turkey were an inland Power pure and simple, like Persia, her international importance would be inconsequential. Can we en- tirely ignore the existence of the most vital geographical waterways in the world—the Bosphorus and the Darda- nelles? The American Government, as the situation stands now, can not diplomatically protect its nationals in Turkey. Shall we advise them to close all their churches, colleges, schools, hospitals, orphanages, stores and factories and come back home? That is an unprecedented incident in American history. Our State Depart- ment has never been confronted by any such situation before. It is a Gordian knot.

I would be the last man in the world to squeeze delight out of the embar- rassment of the missionaries of the American Board. Whatever I am, I owe to their unselfish labors among the Armenians. The most illustrious, outstanding figure among the mission- aries was Cyrus Hamlin, the founder of Robert College, and his name is en- graved upon the grateful heart of every Armenian. He gave us medi- cine when we were sick. He gave us bread when we were hungry. He gave us a magnificent institution of learn- ing on the Bosphorus when we were yearning for education, and finally he preached to us the Gospel of Jesus Christ when we were thirtsy for righteousness. Many of us young men in the early eighties were loyal Americans long before we saw the Statue of Liberty. Whence was that light but from the American mission- ary colleges? We do not want to see all that beneficent work shut up. But now there is danger of it. I sincerely hope some way will be devised out of the difficulty.

DR. H. S. JELALIAN.

LOOKING TOWARD VACATION TIME

We admit it is rather early to begin thinking of vacation time, when we wake up these days and find that Jack Frost has been around during the night. But we want to start your thinking-caps working our way, to- ward the Conference office, early this year, if you are likely to look to us to supply your pulpit while you are away this summer. What we would like, the ideal way, would be for our ministers to send us two lists, one of the Sundays they would like to have us send a supply to their pul- pit, and another of the Sundays they would like to do supply work. This would give us a chance to help you twice, maybe. But we would like to avert missing any chance of serving our churches. Last year in a few in- stances we were given only a week or two notice to find some one to substitute, when if we could have had two months' notice we might have been able to meet the demand. So make your plans early, and then notify us. The Conference office is here to serve the ministers and their churches.

MISSION STUDY

The mission study theme for the coming year will be "The Essentially Missionary Character of Christian- ity." The two main text books have been written by Samuel McCrea Cav- ert and by Margaret E. Burton. The "Story of Missions," by White, will be used again, especially for the bene- fit of those who have not studied it before. A new departure is a group of Leader's Handbooks, one each for Beginners, Primary, Junior and Inter- mediate Departments.

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FRESNO PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

(Rev. M. G. Papazian, Pastor)

The year closed with 365 members on the roll, and a net increase of eight; 29 members were received, 14 of whom came by confession of faith and 15 by letter. There were 67 names on the absentee list.

The treasurer reports all bills paid and a tiny sum with two figures on the right side of the ledger. The economic distress, from which all the churches in the Valley have been suffering, is far from an end; yet the people in general breathe more freely and are hoping for a substantial improvement of conditions.

The pastor has declined calls to two churches in Massachusetts and New York.

Frequently in the course of the year beginning with the Lenten season, a devotional service in English was appended to the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, the combination service thus taking the place of the customary Sunday evening worship of the church. In this form it is confessedly a service for, and with, the young classes in the church who evidently are running away from the use of the Armenian language. The experiment has proved a success.

The high school graduates for the year numbered 21, a proof of the growing demand for higher education.

An amendment in the by-laws adopted late in the year makes the presidents of the Ladies Aid, the Senior Christian Endeavorers, the Brotherhood, the Commission of Missions, as well as the superintendent of the church school members of the church committee, thus making it possible for all various lines of church activity to converge at one administrative point.

We are still losing families by removals to other parts of the state. While they are missed with us, we are happy to know that they are proving themselves good seeds sown in the sister churches of Los Angeles and San Francisco districts. Meanwhile, in the mother church neither the jar of meal nor the cruse of oil have yet failed.

Another substantial reduction in our obligations brings the debt on the building within limits of $4,500. The church feels happy in the possession of a fine and ample plant with such a light burden of debt on it.

Christmas brought the pastor and his wife a check for $500 in loving appreciation of their labors in behalf of the church, as voiced unanimously at a public meeting on Sunday.

We have adopted as our motto for 1927:

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before Jehovah, our Maker."

BAY POINT—The annual board meeting of the Congregational Church was held last night with Rev. William Floyd of Oakland presiding. New members accepted were Ellen Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caldera and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brealey. Officers for the year were elected.

They are: Clerk, W. S. Van Winkle; deaconnesses, Mrs. Harry Hines, Mrs. Stanley Bush, Mrs. O. B. Johnson, Mrs. Robert Brealey and Mrs. Leslie Powell; deacons, Henry Peel of Pittsburg, Stanley Bush, Frank Caldera and Robert Brealey; trustees, Henry Erickson, Mrs. Joe Mulligan and Mrs. Belle Higgins; Sunday School superintendent, James Welch; assistant, Henry Peel; organist, Claric Anderson; assistant, Grace Merriman, and substitute, Mrs. Belle Higgins; choir master, H. B. Hargraves and, assisting him, Melvin Hurliey, Jack and Paul McEwen and Clarence and Lawrence Westlund; librarian, Melvin Hurley; maintenance and repair, chairman, H. T. Perkins; T. Hurley, Joe Mulligan, David Nelson, Mrs. J. R. MacGuire and Mrs. W. S. Van Winkle. Henry Erickson was elected treasurer, a post he has held for seventeen years.

In appreciation of the splendid work done by the pastor, Rev. Floyd, who comes here each Sunday from Oakland, a gift of $50 was made by the members of the Ladies' Aid of the church. W. S. Van Winkle made the presentation.

A supper was served by the Ladies' Aid and much of the business was conducted during the supper. Reports were made from each department. A decision to have board meetings every three months instead of annually was reached.

LULLABY AND HYMNS "MOTHER" USED TO SING

Rev. George E. Atkinson of the Ceres Congregational Church recently tried a new plan for the evening service. The people were asked to give early in the week to the choirster the lullaby or the hymns their mothers used to sing to them in early days. About a dozen were turned in. The pastor started out with a "get-acquainted" stunt he used to use in the navy during the war. Then came several of the old hymns, sung by the audience or a double quartet that was picked out of the audience, no one knowing who were to be called. (It took!) The scripture lesson was given by the audience reciting verses they had learned at "Mother's knee" years ago. The choir sang a very appropriate selection. There were lullabies sung in various languages by various members of the church and Sunday School, among them one of the beautiful lullabies from the German, and the Lullaby in Marathi that the pastor's mother used to sing to him in India. The pastor gave a short illustrated talk just as though everyone present was a child.

The whole church and community entered into the spirit of it splendidly. The audience was double the usual evening audience, and many asked that it be repeated soon.

Ceres Congregational is a small country church. This plan can be used by any church. Next time with different details we shall make it better. None of us had ever attended such a service and were just "thinking our way through."

SACRAMENTO—The annual meeting of the church at Sacramento was a real celebration because of the advancement made during the year. During 1926 120 new members were received, 75 of whom were on confession of faith. The total membership is now 446. More than $9,000 was disbursed for current expenses during the year and all bills were reported paid. The Sunday School reports a total enrollment of 297, including a Cradle Roll of 61.

LODI—The annual dinner and election of officers of the First Congregational Church of Lodi was held Friday evening, January 14. Two hundred gathered to listen to the reports of the year 1926. The reports showed all bills paid and a substantial balance in the treasuries of all departments of the church work. The treasurer's report showed receipts amounted to $7,584 during the year, of which $2,340 was paid for missions.

Thirty-one were received into membership, making the total now 374. They face the new year with renewed energy and faith in God and humanity.

LOOMIS—The church at Loomis is making a fine progress under the leadership of Rev. R. C. Day. The large vested choirs organized by Mrs. Hodgdon are furnishing splendid music for the services of worship. The church is building retaining walls about the property and will plant the grounds to garden and lawn. A nearby lot has been purchased and is being leveled in preparation for the erection of a seven-room parsonage. All friends of Mrs. Day will rejoice to know that she has successfully come through a serious operation at the Sutter Hospital in Sacramento.

PARADISE—Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dains of Paradise have been spending some weeks in Phoenix, Arizona, because of Mrs. Dain's illness.

SAN CARLOS—The church at Redwood City organized a Sunday School at San Carlos on October 24, with Mr. Roy Hoberger, Y. M. C. A. secretary, as superintendent assisted by Mrs. Hoberger, both members of the Redwood City church. The work is progressing very favorably, with an enrollment of 41 and a splendid attendance. They are greatly favored in having Mr. and Mrs. Hoberger as leaders, since Mr. Hoberger is an excellent pianist and singer. The Sunday School meets in the school.

TULARE—Our church at Tulare, which has been without a pastor for the last month, has extended a call to Rev. Huber Burr of Kansas, to be their leader until their annual meeting next December. Mr. Burr began his pastorate February 1.

UNIQUE PLAN ADOPTED BY NILES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

That which many churches have theorized about but never have had the courage to try is to be given a test by the Niles Congregational Church. The plan was proposed by the minister, the Rev. A. W. Seebart, last Sunday and the congregation voted to give it a three months' trial. The plan is herein briefly stated.

Beginning Sunday, December 19, the Church School will open at 10 a. m. as usual, with children of all ages assembling together for an opening exercise not to require more than 10 minutes. The children of the Beginner and Primary Departments will then go to their special rooms, where they will continue with a worship gram especially adapted to t needs. All children above the mary will go to their class roo where they will take up the study the lessons, for which they will h 45 minutes instead of 25 minutes formerly.

At 10:55 the Beginner and Prim pupils will be excused and permit to go home. All other pupils leave their class rooms and enter church auditorium, where they participate in a specially planned w ship service, which will be featu by a Sermonette to young people.

At 11:30 the young people will given an opportunity to leave the se ice and no one of them will be invi or urged to remain. The adults, h ever, will remain for a devotio study period of 30 minutes. This be opened by a brief presentation the subject under discussion, by minister, followed by 20 minutes questions and discussions, the last t minutes of which will be given t summing up of all that has been sa The meeting will be closed with hymn and a responsive benediction

There is universal interest and wi spread enthusiasm in the church this new plan, which is an expe ment in religious education and w ship. If the plan is successful it w not only be permanently adopted the Niles Church, but we predict a by many small town churches in t State which are facing similar pr lems.

PERSONALS

We welcome to Campbell and our Conference, Rev. Joseph H. Be nett, who for the last three yea has been minister of the Congreg tional Church at Tunbridge Wel England. His ministry and traini have been in Great Britain and comes well recommended. After ge ting adjusted to his work at Cam bell he will return to England f his wife and son.

Rev. Huber Burr, formerly of th Conference, now in general work Kansas, has been a visitor here, ar while here supplied the church Tulare, now vacant and seeking minister.

Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Giffen are mo generous entertainers. Hardly a Su day night passes but what a grou of friends or strangers pass a pleasa hour in their home. It is delightf socially and wonderfully helpful to th Bedouins of the Christian way.

Word comes of the continued im provement of Rev. Arthur Bunce, fo merly of Rio Vista. He may yet ge back to the work of the ministry, fo which he is so well trained and adap ed.

Miss Eunice Thomas is staying wit Miss Runnells in Berkeley pendin orders to sail for her work in Foo chow. In a press notice, elsewher in this paper, will be seen the loca call for her services.

Word comes from Arizona that Mrs C. H. Dains has been quite ill. Mr and Mrs. Dains have been in poo health recently, but expect to retur to Paradise at an early date.

THE POTTER'S WHEEL

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